Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office

ICTAP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:
2012 Review; Arizona's 2013 Requests

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Background: OEC's Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) supports and promotes the ability of emergency responders and government officials to:

- o Communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters,
- o Accelerate, and attain operable and interoperable emergency communications nationwide.

Review of 2012 Technical Assistance:

- Arizona received three TAs in 2011 for 2012:
  - o TICP Development Support (TIC-WKSP) – La Paz County - Complete
  - o Regional Communications Enhancement Support – Strategic Communications Migration Plan (RCES/SCMP) – RWC / TRWC Strategic Communications Plan – In progress
  - o Training and Exercise Plan Workshop (OP-TEPW) – Statewide - Pending
- Arizona also received a free (based on SWIC activities with NCSWIC) course in January 2012: SPCL-PRJMGMT: Public Safety Communications Project Management
- Applied for, but did not receive: Mobile Communications Vehicle Support (OP-MCVS) and Auxiliary Communications Workshop (SPCL-AUXCOMM)

2013 TA Request Guidance: TA requests must support identified SCIP initiatives and identified gaps. Each State can apply for up to five (5) TAs and at least one request must directly address a gap identified during the NECP Goal Two Assessment process. OEC recommended Arizona consider the following TA Offerings based on their analysis of Arizona's Goal 2 data:

- o GOV-ASMT: Assessment of Existing Governance Structures
- o OP-TTX: Communications-Focused Tabletop Exercise (TTX)

Timeline:

- July 31: 2012 TA Catalog Released
- August 10, 2012: Catalog sent to PSIC Interested Parties List
- August 14, 2012: SIEC Presentation & Request for Feedback
- August 24, 2012: Final Comments on TAs to be requested due to psic@azpsic.gov
- August 27, 2012: Draft TA Request Form submitted to AZDOHS (State SAA) for concurrence
- August 31, 2012: Once concurred with by AZDOHS, PSIC submits completed & prioritized FY2012 TA Request to OEC (for 2013 technical assistance)
- September 7, 2012: Notification of OEC Acceptance/Deferral of TA Requests (First Round)
- Early 2013: Notification of OEC Acceptance/Deferral of TA Requests (Second Round)

Requests: After analysis of OEC and stakeholder feedback and evaluation of which TAs appropriately support planned State of Arizona interoperability initiatives, PSIC, in consultation with AZDOHS, submitted the following FFY2013 TA requests to OEC:

Priority 1: OP-MCVS: Mobil Communications Vehicle (MCV) Support; catalog page 37.
Priority 2: RCES-SCMP – Regional communications enhancement support-strategic communications migration plan (SCMP).
Priority 3: TRG-AUXCOMM: Auxiliary Communications Workshop; catalog page 19.
Priority 4: TRG-COMT – All-hazards communication unit technician (COMT) course; catalog page 13.
NECP Goal 2 Related: OP-TTX – Communications-Focused Tabletop Exercise; catalog page 43.

Acceptance of Requests: On September 7, 2012 OEC accepted Arizona's request for OP-TTX – Communications-Focused Tabletop Exercise (NECP Goal 2 Request) and notified Arizona that the remaining TA requests were deferred pending a second round of TA acceptance/deferral in early CY2013. The remaining requests will be reconsidered by OEC at that time.

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